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### **Sheep and Marvin Fires Update**

An infrared mapping on September 13<sup>th</sup> shows the Sheep Fire has grown to 5,765 acres (3,042 in Kings Canyon National Park, 2,723 acres in the Sequoia National Forest). This fire was ignited by lightning around July 16<sup>th</sup> in Kings Canyon National Park and moved onto Sequoia National Forest around August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Fire growth is predominately to the west. Firefighters are patrolling the river and road corridor to hold the fire south of the river. Recent wildland fires and prescribed fires to the east have slowed fire spread in that direction. Firefighters are monitoring the fire on the southwest side, and burning as needed to help slow fire spread and mitigate smoke. The fire crews completed the fire line on the western edge. This line will help provide better control of the fire spread and help reduce smoke impacts as the fire continues to grow.

With warmer temperatures over the past two days fire behavior and spread has increased. With temperatures staying the same for the next two to four days fire behavior will remain active. However, there are currently no threats to life or property

The Marvin Fire remains at 15 acres in Sequoia National Forest. This fire is burning at a high elevation in rocky terrain near Marvin Pass in the Jennie Lakes Wilderness.

Visitors to the Cedar Grove should anticipate significant smoke in the valley at periods throughout the day. Visitors to Hume Lake should expect smoke in the valley in the morning hours. This is based on inversion patterns that hold the smoke in the valley. As the day warms and the inversion breaks, smoke should lift out of the valley.

The Don Cecil Trail in Kings Canyon National Park (from the trailhead at Cedar Grove to the park boundary) and the Kanawyer Trail on Forest Service land are closed for public safety. These trail closures are in effect until further notice.

The U.S. Forest Service has issued a temporary area closure for the Sheep Fire on the Hume lake Ranger District between Horse Corral Meadow and the Kings River and from Boulder Creek east to the boundary with Kings Canyon National Park. The increase in the size of the closure is due to the fire spotting across Lightning Creek on the west side. The closure is for firefighter and public safety.

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